

Old Farmer Johnson.

The following lines were written by little Pattie Bohannon, of Independence, Missouri, granddaughter of the late Wm. M. Todd, of this city. The little one is but eleven years of age, and if her poetic inclinations increase with her years she will yet become a brilliant writer.

Said old farmer Johnson,
"I'm going to town,
To buy my wife, Betsy,
A new Sunday gown."

Then into his buggy
The old farmer got,
And drove into town
In a jolly jog trot.

As the old farmer
Went jogging along
He sung to himself
A nice little song.

He thought to himself,
As I've heard said,
"I'll buy her a gown
Of bright blue or red."

As he continued
To sing his old sonnet
He said to himself,
"I'll buy her a bonnet."

So the old farmer
Drove slowly up street,
Bowing and smiling
To the friends he would meet.

Up to the store
He drove his old mare,
Getting out quickly,
He hitched her with care.

Then into the store
With a light heart he stepped,
To see where the dresses
And bonnets were kept.

After some time was spent
In looking around
The old man proceeded
To purchase the gown.

The next thing he bought
Was a very fine bonnet;
It was made of black velvet,
With a feather upon it.

Then the old man
Proceeded to choose
A warm pair of gloves
And a new pair of shoes.

Then all together
His bundles he got
And started off home
In a very brisk trot.

When he reached home
His old mare he fed,
And put her away
In a nice warm shed.

Then into the house
He went with a bound,
To show his wife, Betsy,
Her new satin gown.

When the old farmer
Came into the room
He said "wife have you heard
Of what they now call the boom?"

"They say our old farm
Is worth a big price
And so I concluded
To buy something nice."

Said she "Farmer Johnson,"
As her eyes rested on it,
"Such a beautiful dress,
Such a love of a bonnet!"

Said he, "my dear Betsy,
I'm sure its your due,
It gave me great pleasure
To buy them for you."

Now all you good farmers,
If your conscience you'd ease,
Do like farmer Johnson,
And your wives you will please.

Bridgeport.

Quite cool the first of the week.

Taylor Parrent has been quite ill this week.

Mrs. Maggie Hawkins has been quite sick since our last report.

Mrs. Eliza Robinson has been very ill during the past week or two.

Mr. B. K. Wade made a business trip to Cincinnati last Monday.

The funeral sermon of Miss Sallie Stump was preached in Graefenburg last Sunday.

Mr. Hamlet Harrod, of Bagdad, visited his son, Mr. Jas. W. Harrod the first of the week.

Regular services at South Benson Church to-day and to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. each day.

The members of the Christian Church at this place have very much improved their house of worship.

Mr. E. B. Miles, a mute, of Big Spring, Hardin county, has been visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity this week.

Thos. Hunter, C. S. S., Miss Maggie Downey and Col. Thos. B. Ford visited the Bridgeport school last Monday and Wednesday.

Mr. Ryal Wade made a business trip to Georgetown last Saturday. Also Messrs. F. M. Scofield and B. K. Wade to Lawrenceburg the same day.

Mr. Hollan Harrod, who was adjudged a lunatic at the late term of the Franklin Circuit Court, and sent to the Asylum at Anchorage, died at that institution last Monday, March 14th, 1887. He was about seventy-five years of age.

A Sunday-school might be organized in this town—sessions to be held in the evening—without interfering with any other school. If we could all fully realize the enormity of crime committed through sheer negligence on the part of those who profess to be a

light unto the world, what a revolution there would be in a short time in this section. A hint, etc.

The Franklin County Teachers' Association convened in the chapel of the City School Building, Frankfort, Ky., March 12, 1887. C. S. S. Hunter presiding. Opened by prayer, Col. R. D. Allen leading. Prof. J. B. Lea demonstrated his method of teaching arithmetic by a class exercise, to the edification and profit of all present. Col. Allen very much enhanced the value of the occasion by some timely remarks in connection with the lesson above cited.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby, tendered to the Trustees and Superintendent of the City School for their kindness in offering the use of their building for the meetings of the Franklin County Teachers' Association, which courtesy is accepted and highly appreciated.

Resolved, That the Association meet but once each month—second Saturday, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. Two sessions each day.

C. H. PARRENT, Sec'y.

Stedmantown.

Everybody sowing oats.
Wheat is looking splendid.

Jowl and greens are still in season.

Suckers are biting in Main Elkhorn.

Stock are improving, and young lambs plentiful.

Mr. Frank Hoggins, of Carrollton, visited his parents at this place last week.

Mr. South Trimble and son (Frank) are visiting the family of Mr. L. L. Cox.

Mr. G. Thomson had the misfortune to loose a fine calf, by falling in his well last week.

Any one wanting a fine young mare can be satisfied by calling on Mat. Thomson. She is a beauty.

Rev. Mr. Reed, of Louisville, preached at Mt. Pleasant Sunday, Bro. Morgan being absent, caused by sickness.

Mr. G. Stedman has the finest variety of plants for sale we know of. Those wanting same would do well to give him a call.

Mr. Griff Stedman is the most efficient road overseer we have ever had. He has done more for our roads than all of his predecessors.

We understand Mr. Jake Cox arrived at Oakville safe with his bulls. They stood the trip well, considering they were on the train about fifteen days.

Mr. Henry Church gave a delightful dance at his beautiful home, on Main Elkhorn, last week. White's band furnished the music, and everything passed off charmingly.

What has become of the railroad? We can't afford to let it drop. Stir up, farmers, and show your liberality, and keep up with the times. Look at all our sister counties, and then vote the tax.

Mr. E. P. Bryan and other gentlemen of the city have made several visits lately to our burg in the interest of the Frankfort Heating and Light Company. They seemed much pleased with the prospects for gas on the premises of Mrs. John Stedman. The well was once opened and afforded plenty of the best gas, which was used in the house of Mr. Samuel Stedman for years.

The Carter Hall has been thronged every night since it opened. The young ladies are learning the art of skating fast. Uncle Mat. knows all the fancy touches, and teaches them to perfection. Solicitations from the Forks, Woodlake and Switzer, urging him to open a gymnasium at each place, have been received, but being a methodical genius, he says he does but one thing at a time.

Forks of Elkhorn.

Miss Katie Cannon has returned home.

Mrs. South Trimble spent last week at Stedmantown.

Mrs. J. H. Burdin spent last Tuesday at Stedmantown.

Mr. J. V. Crane was in Lexington Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Wm. Sudduth has moved up to Mr. Sid. Bedford's farm.

Mrs. G. C. Hughes is visiting her daughter at Beard's Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Featherston were in Georgetown last week.

Miss Lena Crane, of Stedmantown, was up last week visiting relatives.

Miss Mary Harrington, of Shelby county, is visiting Miss Alice French.

Dr. Wm. Pryor, of Georgetown, was down in this community last week.

Miss Minnie Taylor, of Midway, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Ryland Bedford.

Mrs. Petty has moved into the house which she lately purchased from Mr. Gallihue.

Mr. George Lucas has moved to the Daugherty place, and Mr. Louis Lea has moved to the Price farm.

Messrs. Robert Frazier and Robert Noel, of Woodlake, will buy wool this season and will pay the highest cash price.

Mr. Jno. Newman fell off of his wagon one day last week, while moving Mr. Sudduth, and was laid up for several days.

Mr. Louis Lea says he is afraid that Zeke Yocum's Democracy will kill him like he killed the rooster that crowed for Cleveland.

Mr. James Gallihue has purchased the Shaw property here for \$1,400, and will occupy it as soon as he can make some repairs. In the meantime he and his family will board with Mr. Ryland Bedford.

The U. S. mail from Frankfort to Georgetown, via of the Forks, leaves Frankfort every morning at half past ten. Leave orders at Howard Bros., near wooden bridge, and they will be promptly attended to by the driver, Mr. E. R. Lewis.

Mr. Lon Floran has left Woodlake, and is now a citizen of the Peak's Mill neighborhood. The house he vacated is to be turned into a parsonage for Rev. Mr. Lightenmaster, the Woodlake evangelist. We understand he will conduct a meeting at Versailles shortly.

Among the celebrated horses in this neighborhood is one owned by Mr. Bud Jones, King of Elkhorn. He is 6 years old, blood bay, with black points, by King Rene, dam D. Monroe. King shows good speed, is very stylish in appearance, and is the sire of some of the most promising colts we have in the State.

There is a company being organized at this place with sufficient capital to open and develop that oil and gas well at Stedmantown. At a meeting on Tuesday night some two thousand dollars was subscribed. The company expects to have every thing in readiness to commence operations in about two weeks.

Send your plumbing to Buckley. His prices are as low as the lowest for good work.

Northern Early Rose Potatoes for sale at MASTIN BROS.

Experience is the school where man learns wisdom. Buckley's plumber has had the experience, and persons in need of plumbing work will show their wisdom by sending their work to Buckley.

THE KNIGHTS OF HONOR,

AS Factors in Civilization—Their Plans and Methods.

The aim of true statesmanship and civilization is to secure the happiness of the people. Nothing contributes so much to that end as the certainty that our dependent family, after our death, will be beyond actual want. It has been a problem heretofore, how to secure such a competency, and this has been true especially with that class who are unable, by reason of their restricted income, to accumulate sufficient to make a safe provision for their families. This problem has been solved by the Knights of Honor. Every moral citizen who is in good health may enter the order, and no matter how limited his resources, may provide from one to two thousand dollars for his family in case of his death.

The Knights of Honor is strictly a fraternal order and not a Life Insurance Company or Association. Their methods differ from old line Life Insurance as well as from so-called Assessment Companies. Uniting in its plans and system all the features of such orders as the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the like, it has added a protective feature of a two or one thousand dollar benefit, which is paid on the death of every member in good standing, to such members of his family or dependent, as he may have designated by name, according to the laws of the order. While it is a secret society, the secret part only consists of some pass words and signs, to enable them to guard against imposters.

No oath is administered to initiates; only a promise upon honor is exacted to live the life of a good citizen. Neither is it a religious or political society; both subjects are carefully kept out of the lodge room. JEW or GENTILE, CATHOLIC or PROTESTANT are alike respected and made welcome. The most devout churchman will find nothing in its composition to offend the strictest loyalty to his creed; it is also patterned after our own democratic institutions; every member has a voice in its management, and is eligible to every office. Every member is compelled to belong to some subordinate lodge, and while his presence at its meetings is desirable and most beneficial to himself and to the order, yet no law exists to compel him to attend. Each lodge is entitled to representation in the Grand lodge of its State, and each Grand Lodge has from two to more Representatives in the Supreme Lodge.

In short, the representatives of the subordinate lodge form the Grand Lodge, and the representatives of the Grand Lodge constitute the Supreme Lodge. The various bodies make the laws of the order and shape its policy; the machinery is so nicely adjusted that the voice of every member, through its representative, is potent in shaping wholesome and just legislation.

There is no preferred class, no close Board of Directors, nor any chance for speculation or rascality; the officers of the various lodges, subordinate, grand or supreme, are but the instruments to do the will of the members; their duties are clearly defined and their powers, so-called, strictly limited.

No money can be expended except its payment is voted by a majority of the members, and in the Supreme Lodge as well as the Grand Lodges it must first have been authorized by a vote of these bodies, and each item must receive the sanction of the Finance Committee.

The Supreme Treasurer is under heavy bonds. The money of the order must be and is deposited to the credit of the Supreme Lodge in solvent banks, and can only be drawn on the joint order of the Supreme Reporter and Treasurer, and the bank is required to make daily reports of receipts and disbursements to the Supreme Dictator, who is the president of the order. The Finance Committee has the right at any time to examine the books, and is compelled to do so at stated periods. Whenever a call is made upon members to contribute to the widow and orphans' fund, as will be explained hereafter, a full statement is made how the money theretofore collected has been expended, and this is sent to every lodge and read out in open session. The money to pay death benefits is contributed by the members to the supreme lodge. A contribution of a fraction over a cent raises a fund large enough to pay a benefit of Two Thousand dollars; but these assessments are made in installments of one or two dollars at a time, in order to save expense, and an assessment of two dollars upon each member realises enough to pay the death benefit to 140 deceased members. What able bodied man is there in the land who is not able, by a payment of from one to two dollars a month, to secure to his family from one to two thousand dollars? The death benefits are paid to those entitled, in from fifteen to thirty days after the death is reported to the Supreme Lodge.

Frankfort Lodge, No. 10, located at

this place, was instituted February 20, 1874, with twenty (20) charter members. It grew in membership until eighty-two (82) members were added to its list.

Through suspension for non-payment of dues and assessments, withdrawals by card and death, the lodge membership has been reduced to forty-eight (48) members in good standing.

This was one of the first lodges instituted in the State, and has paid all of the assessments called for by the Supreme Lodge, commencing with No. 1 and ending No. 201, which will be due the Supreme Lodge the last of the month. These assessments represent over ten thousand (10,000) deaths and over twenty millions (\$20,000,000) of dollars paid the heirs of its deceased members.

In the thirteen (13) years of its existence this lodge has lost by death four (4) members, who were in good standing, viz: Bros. R. W. Wilhoit, J. W. Rupe, Alex. McEwan and John W. McClure; to the heirs of whom has been paid in full the two thousand dollars covering each of their benefit certificates, and within the 60 days time, required by our law.

It is the desire of Frankfort Lodge No. 10, to renew the interest taken in its local organization, and to call the attention of the good, honest, healthy citizens of this city and county to the advantages of membership in its organization, and let them, with us, share in the benefits to be derived during this life, and which, at our death, will go to our loved ones.

For further information call on the officers of the Lodge. C. A. Nelson, Dictator; W. W. McEnnis, Vice-Dictator; R. Rogers, Assistant Dictator; A. T. Todd, Reporter; Philip Seibert, Financial Reporter; V. Berberich, Treasurer, or any members of the Lodge.

Peak's Mill.

Mr. Coleman Carr has moved to Frankfort to reside.

Miss Nellie Bacon is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Cordie Onan.

Miss May Bacon left Monday for a visit to relatives in Missouri.

Rev. T. N. Arnold preached to a large audience at Pleasant Hill Sunday.

Dr. J. Lampton Price, of Frankfort, visited Mr. C. Gran. Graham this week.

Mrs. Mollie Warford, of Cropper's Station, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. G. Hodges.

Miss Laura Hockersmith is visiting Miss Laura Bratton, at White Sulphur, this week.

Miss Anna L. Hodges, who has been visiting relatives in Henry county, returned home Monday.

Mr. Sam. Gaines, of Kansas City, Mo., who has been visiting relatives here, returned home Monday.

Mr. T. N. Sullivan, who has been confined to his room all winter, we are glad to say is able to be out again.

An enjoyable entertainment was given by Mr. Henry Church on the 10th inst., as a pound party and dance, at his residence on Pond Branch. Among the guests were Misses Emma Morris, Mattie Church, Ida Steele, Pearl Pollett, Katie Church, Sallie Black, Claudia Sullivan, Bacon Hodges, Hockersmith Winter, Sallie Triplett, Drue Church, Messrs. Satterwhite, Gregory, Quarles, Onan, Johnson, Sullivan, Leitch, Stone, Dailey, Hockersmith, Graham, Innes, Winter, and many others. The music was furnished by the well known Winter & Bartlett band, who are peers among string musicians. The young people tripped the light fantastic toe till the wee sma' hours o' the morning, when all took their departure feeling that they had been entertained by one of Franklin county's long noted hospitable country gentlemen.

FOR SALE.

One of the Best Located Residences in South Frankfort.

DR. W. H. HALL OFFERS FOR SALE HIS house and lot, on the corner of Cross and Main streets. The lot contains about two acres, and the house is in good repair. There are apple, peach and plum trees in abundance upon the place, two large pits stocked with Marshall Neil roses, and a green house planted with roses and heated with Hitching's improved hot water apparatus.

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